

# Holiday Announcement

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## JEWELERS AND SILVERSMITHS,

# 1109 Pennsylvania Avenue.

The extraordinary success attending our display of Christmas Novelties in last Sunday's Post prompts us to address the readers of "The Times" in a similar manner. We ran short of some of the goods early in the week, but can assure them of a full stock Monday morning.

These are the 35c. Hat Pins.  
The 60c. Veil Pins.  
The 60c. Emeries.  
The 50c. Sewing Wax.  
The Solid Silver Toilet Ware.  
The 75c Silver Wreath Pin.  
The \$1 Silver Double Wreath Pin.



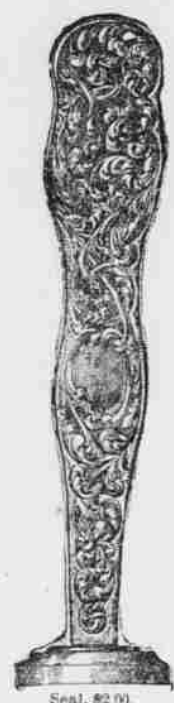
Hat Pins, from 35c.



Veil Pin, 60c.

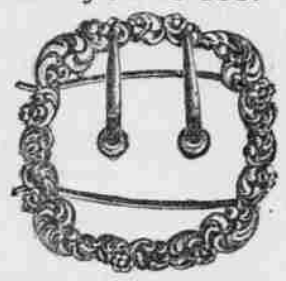


Key Ring from 50c. up.



Seal, \$2.00.

Here are some other things we want you to see.



Carina Buckles from \$1 up.



Pocket Combs from 75c. up.

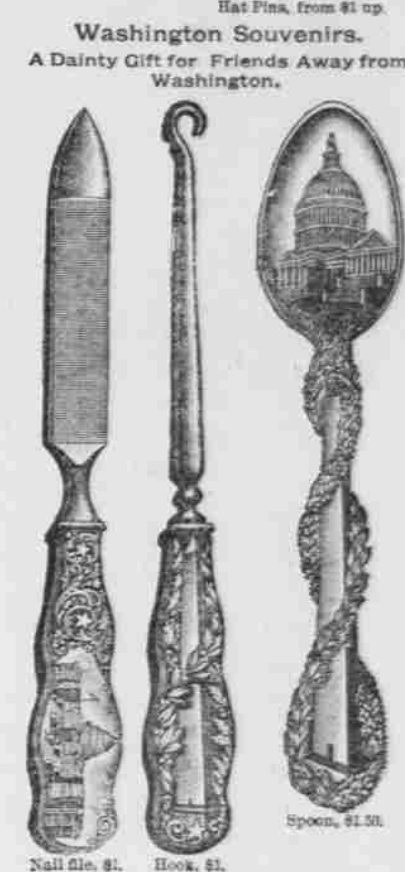
Key Tags, 45c.



Traveling Bags from \$1 up.



Menthols from \$1.25 up.



Washington Souvenirs. A Dainty Gift for Friends Away from Washington.

All Goods Engraved Free of Charge.

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### OUT FOR SPORT AND MONEY

Anne Hathaway Spends a Day at the Races at Alexander Island.

I have been to the races. I have seen all sorts and conditions of men and women mad with the hope of getting something for nothing. I have seen women stake their last cent on the uncertainty that lies in four thoroughbred hoofs, and I have come to realize, as never before, how the love of gambling may develop into a master passion. I have seen men and women of every age, of high social position and of no social position at all, using the races as the merest pretext for something on which to wager money. I have seen women playing the races in a way most Washington people would scarcely believe possible.

I went to the races at the Alexander Island race track Thursday afternoon. I took the 12:40 train across the Long Bridge, and it was dark when I returned.

The train, by the way, was packed. There were plenty of quiet, every-day people on board bound for Alexandria and Washington's suburbs on the Virginia shore, but that the majority of the passengers were on their way to the races was evident. They were a good-natured set, though their conversation was racy, and nothing but racy.

"Well, Billy Boy's a good horse, anyway," was the first thing I heard after taking my seat. The speaker was a stout, red-faced man with sport written all over him.

"Yes, he is," responded his companion, another man of the same piece, "and thinking on cost me \$50."

There was a ripple of laughter at that, and the man who had lost the money seemed really to enjoy the joke more than anyone else.

The train had scarcely started before a man came through the car, roaring out the command to buy race tickets of him and avoid the crowd at the gates. He held a number of \$1 bills folded lengthwise down the middle in one hand, and waved them with a dazzling effect of careless opulence. I did not buy a badge, for, thanks either to Virginia chivalry or a keen eye to business, women are admitted to the grand stand free of charge.

It was only the shortest kind of a journey to the race track, and on the flats beyond Jackson City the train came to a standstill. There was a rush out the door and down the steps, and I went with the crowd, the lone-some feeling that a woman has when she feels that she is in a place where there ought to be a great many more of her sex to support her, growing on me at every step. There was only an interminable stretch of white-washed fences, with the sign "Keep your badge in sight" displayed everywhere. I had an indistinct impression of several narrow toll gates and unnumbered gate keepers telling me to pass on, before I found the grand stand before me.

It was up a flight of stairs and was unlike any grand stand I had ever seen. It was enclosed on all sides to form a great bare hall with a row of shallow steps for a floor, and a great big stove in the middle. The front was a row of large windows looking out on the track, and at the further end were stairs leading down into the betting ring.

The sporting editor of The Times, in whose wake I had come over to the track, found me a chair in the very middle of the row of windows, and left me to my own devices.

It was a perfect day, almost balmy in its mildness, with not a cloud in the sky. I opened the window and looked out on the magnificent view of Washington that lay beyond the sky-blue ribbon the river made. The Monument seemed near enough to touch, and indeed, I think the view of it from the

Island grand stand is quite the finest to be had. I was the thirteenth woman to enter the grand stand, but I was not more than comfortably settled before other women began to come in, until the row of chairs nearest the window was filled and two or three rows back of it were occupied. The women in the chairs were of every class of society. There was one at my right who is prominent in an exclusive circle of really the best society. A negro

second, and Verse third. Everybody seemed happy.

"Thank God!" said the woman who had leaned on my plumes. "I wanted to win. I wanted to pay Marie that \$51 owe her. Do you know"—to a young, short-haired woman in red—"I love that girl. I'd do anything for her. I'd give her anything but my life."

A rather pretty brunette at my left had won on Bobolink, and was smiling at everybody. She was dressed effectively.

"She's no good," whispered Mayne's mother to me. "Neither is that girl with the velvet sleeves. There's lots of that kind here. They don't think anything of betting \$10, but most of us bet only a dollar at a time. I don't know anybody here except a few acquaintances and some gentlemen friends."

One of the "gentlemen friends" was an out and out tout, but the old woman pronounced him very nice and offered to introduce him to me. I declined with thanks, though I must say that the faces of the men who seemed to spend their lives on the race tracks were decidedly kind, if their manners and English were funny.

"He told me coming out on the train that Con Lucy would win this race," I heard

Mayne say as the horses came dancing sideways into the track before the second race.

"I want to play him for place," said her mother, and indeed, the cautious old woman only selected horses to play for place in every race, and was bitterly disappointed when the book-makers were not placing such bets.

Con Lucy ran second, much to the disgust of a child of ten or twelve, who thrust her head out of my window and yelled lustily. She wore a short scarlet frock and, the old lady said, was the daughter of a horse owner. I thought she had far better have been in school, as I looked at her tense, hard little face and heard her gibb talk of odds and mounds and weights, and goodness knows what else of race-track argot.

"My! look at that coming from the paddock," said Jon, I looked out into the space between the grand stand and the ring. It was filled with a crowd of men—youths men with the thick-necked look of the modern college man; men who might have been Sunday-school superintendents—perhaps they were—broken down sports, stable men, an actor I knew, the druggist from our corner pharmacy, book-makers, business men and men in office. The "that" which had attracted Jon's attention was not the little boy in leather leggings down there with his father, nor yet the stable man's little girl who had a tiny pug pup in her arms. It was a woman making her way to the grand stand. Her gown was a striking combination of old-rose and pale blue, and there were violets under the trim of her hat. She was attended by a weak-eyed young man, and she spent the afternoon posing in the grand stand or walking in the paddock. "She is a lady from New York," the woman in red behind me said.

"Are there any refreshments to be had here?" I asked the old lady on my right. "Yes," she said. "You can get lovely beer up there in the ladies' room. There is no drinking in the grand stand. You can get a glass of beer for 5 cents, but they only give you a thimbleful of whiskey for 15 cents. I always take beer, for when I take whiskey I

flash past the stand. 'That man couldn't start a dog,'" said Jon, in disgust.

"Never mind," cried the old lady, my partner in the nefarious operation. "It says in the Bible: 'The last shall be first. The last shall be first.' He'll win yet."

But not withstanding Scripture warrant, Sextus did not win. I don't know who did. Sextus, I know, did not. There are those who say that losing is next best fun to winning, but I don't see any fun in it, and I shall never cease to regret my 50 cents.

The old lady looked at me reproachfully, but the way the woman in red behind me turned quite pale gave me a heartache for her, for even if I wouldn't have called on her, she was a woman, and I had lost 50 cents myself.

The last race made little impression on me. The woman in red, the woman in the military coat, against whom the odds, I think, were 50 to 1.

"It's always a good plan to play long odds," said the man in the military coat, "for when you do win you make such a big pile you can afford to lose."

The old lady refused to bet, even at Fenimore's urging.

"Play Fenimore," said he. "Taylor is riding him. Taylor is square, too. He's the squarest look on the track. Why, he wouldn't take a race unless he got a good big sum for it."

The 80 to 1 shot failed, but Madam and Mayne won, and were all smiles.

"I'll see you on Saturday," said the old lady as we parted. "I don't come Fridays, you know, it's bad luck. If you get here first save me a chair. It's luck to have the same chair again. I'll see you Saturday, and I hope you'll win a house or another. It is and easy to ask for a 'bite out of time.'"

If you have on the bed your very best spread of any kind that you dream to see, keep it in the closet a cover new as perfectly clean, such as you have for sweeping. Say, "If you like to live down there is a rug or carpet here on this shelf, throw over and ink." That is if you have not a lounge. In either case keep somewhere in the room a blanket of some kind, to use when taking a nap.

See that the towels are always fresh. That you have a couple of wash cloths, and that a pitcher of warm water is set down at the door every morning, for it may be a necessity of weakness.

If your visitor has a child that she is afraid will fall out of bed, and you have no crib to give her, do not make a barricade of chairs, but get your lapboard, and make it as comfortable as possible. Slip the all-weather lapboard under one cushion of each opposite seat. Push up close to the sides of the carriage, put a pillow over the board and you have a perfect protection against all rolling off the mattress. It is so very simple that one wonders that it has not been thought of in every household. Another use for a lapboard is that when an invalid is taken to drive in any carriage—public or private—that has seats opposite to each other, that a perfect bed can be made by simply slipping the all-weather lapboard under one cushion of each opposite seat. Push up close to the sides of the carriage, put a pillow over the board and you have a perfect protection against all rolling off the mattress. It is so very simple that one wonders that it has not been thought of in every household. 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